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SUBJECT: 20103001 - Winnebago County
Rockford/Peoples Avenue Landfill
ILD 980679583 ILD 980606651
ERRIS Preliminary Assessment

This was a Sanitary Landfill which accepted all types of solid waste including hazardous wastes. During the time that disposal operations took place, records of the types and amounts of hazardous waste accepted were not kept. Therefore, it is not possible to determine the amounts of hazardous waste present. The machine tool and fastener industries in Rockford generate heavy metal and cyanide bearing plating wastes and toxic and ignitable solvents. These are the types of wastes most likely to be present. A list of generators is likewise not available.

During its active life, the site was inspected regularly by, first, the Illinois Department of Public Health and later the Illinois E.P.A. During the later years of operation, the site was often in violation of cover requirements.

Rockford Public Water Supply, well #14 is located adjacent to the landfill on Harrison Avenue. This well was closed due to increased mineral content. Private water wells have allegedly been affected, but detailed information on private wells is not available in IEPA files. Most users of these private wells have put their wells out of service and are now served by the Rockford Water Supply.

An inspection by the F.I.T. is required. This site accepted hazardous wastes and deterioration of nearby groundwater has occurred. The site does not have any groundwater monitoring at the present time. A representative of this office could help arrange access to the site and point out areas where operations took place.

Part of this site is currently in use as a salvage yard. David Pekarsky uses the property to store empty drums and wooden pallets. The Roto Rooter site (ILT 180011975) is located on the northwest corner of Peoples Avenue and Magnolia. The F.I.T. may want to combine the inspection efforts for these two sites.

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